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Dear Commissioner for Patents Issue Fees:

This is an Official Petition To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment by the Applicant of application 09/629,749. On the grounds the Applicant had previously sent the corrected drawing and transmittal letter on September 23, 2003. The Applicant had sent also some amended claims to correct an error in the claims on September 23,2003. Enclosed is a copy of the certificate of mailing for verification. The drawing has evidently been misplaced or lost. The Applicant is not sure if the claims amendment has been misplaced or lost also, so enclosed are new copies. The Applicant has sent some of the duplicate information to Examiner Elisca this time but the Applicant would appreciate it if you would forward all pertinent material to Examiner Elisca. Please forward the transmittal letter and corrected drawing to the appropriate person.

Sincerely yours,

*Durham R. Maples*

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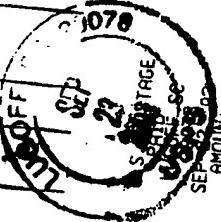
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Dear Draftperson:

I am submitting a replacement drawing sheet for Figure 1. The corrections made are these:

- 1) The 1/1 has been moved to the top margin.
- 2) Replacement sheet has been placed to the top margin.
- 3) The lines around the boxes have been thickened.
- 4) The lines at reference numbers 10 and 12 have been extended.
- 5) The figure 1 has been increased in size.

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Dear Commissioner for Patent Issue Fees:

Please forward the following enclosed amendments to Examiner Elisca and the enclosed draftperson letter and enclosed amended drawing to the appropriate person. Please take note of the Issue Form and the \$650.00 check enclosed.

**Amendment G**

1. Examiner seemed to have accepted only the independent claims 60-62 due to the mistaken way that the Applicant had submitted the corrected claims. The Examiner had agreed to 10 claims, 3 independent claims and 7 dependent claims in the phone discussion. The Applicant made an error by sending only the 3 independent claims in the amendment F because they were the only claims that required a correction. The Applicant misunderstood the by phone correction procedure. The Applicant thought the Examiner was seeking an amendment to only 3 claims and to help the Examiner out and to correct a typo error the Applicant sent in new claims. The amended claims numbers were changed to 60-62 but the Applicant did not change the numbers on the 7 dependent claims to correspond to this change and did not send them in with amendment F because they required no correction within the claims themselves. The Applicant apologizes for this error and requests that the Examiner add the new claims 63-70 to the application.
2. The Applicant has sent along the amended drawings and the letter to the draftperson.

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Dear Examiner:

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1. The Applicant had previously submitted the corrected replacement drawing and the transmittal letter addressed to the Draftperson. The drawing has evidently been misplaced so the Applicant is re-submitting the drawing and transmittal letter with an updated transmittal letter to the Draftperson. The Applicant is sending a copy of the certificate of mailing dated September 23, 2003 to the Mail Stop Issue Fee, Commissioner for Patents, for verification.
2. The Applicant had sent the corrected drawing in September 23, 2003. The Applicant had also sent to the same address claim amendments and the Applicant is unsure if the Examiner has received the previous amendment G now that the loss of the drawing has come to the Applicant's attention. If the Examiner has received the amendment G previously then please disregard the claim amendments enclosed.
3. The Examiner seems to have accepted only the independent claims 60-62 due to the mistaken way that the Applicant had submitted the corrected claims. The Examiner had agreed to 10 claims, 3 independent claims and 7 dependent claims in a phone discussion. The Applicant made an error by sending only the 3 independent claims in the amendment F because they were the only claims that required a correction. The Applicant misunderstood the correction by phone procedure. The Applicant thought the Examiner was seeking an amendment to only 3 claims and to help the Examiner out and to correct a typo error the Applicant sent new claims. The amended claims numbers were changed to 60-62 but the Applicant did not change the numbers on the 7 dependent claims to correspond to this change and did not send them in with amendment F because they required no correction within the claims themselves.
4. These amended claims were contained in the same mailing on September 23, 2003.
5. The Applicant wishes to apologize to the Examiner again for the error and would greatly appreciate it if the Examiner would implement the claims corrections. Claims 60-62 are being re-submitted without changes so the Examiner can see that the corresponding changes to claims 63-70 are simply that of using numbers in the dependent claims that correspond to the independent claims 60-62 that have already been allowed by the Examiner.

6. A petition to withdraw holding of abandonment is being sent to Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Mail Stop: Issue Fee, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. A copy of this amendment, the draftperson's 2 letters, the amended drawing and a copy of the certificate of mailing will be sent as well.
7. The Examiner should receive amendment G that is signed on March 11, 2004 but the previous amendment G was signed on September 22, 2003. A copy of the certificate of mailing for September 23, 2003 is enclosed and the first page of the original amendment G is enclosed as well.

### **Claims**

**8. The claims have been amended: Claims 49-59 have been canceled and Claims 60-62 have been re-submitted unchanged. Claims 63-70 are presented for examination.**

**Claims 1-59 (canceled)**

Claim 60 (previously presented): A method of enhancing the equity of a business entity by joining a debt instrument of said business entity to a single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity by issuing or conveying the right to a sum certain in money to be paid on a specified date to said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity and in return said business entity receives adequate consideration in money's worth in the form of equity enhancement of said business entity's own equity and by issuing or conveying the right to the fixed rate of interest of said debt instrument of said business entity to said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity, whereby the right to said sum certain in money and the right to the fixed rate of interest of said debt instrument cannot be separated from said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity to be sold or traded separate from said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity, whereby the shareholder of equity ownership of said business entity exchanges no money or property for said debt instrument, whereby the right to said sum certain in money and the right to the fixed rate of interest of said debt instrument of said business entity cannot be owned by the shareholder of equity ownership of said business entity, whereby said business entity distributes from the assets of said business entity assets equal to the value of the fixed rate of interest of said debt instrument and assets equal to the value of said sum certain in money to the shareholder of record of equity ownership of said business entity, whereby said business entity issues or conveys the right to the assets of said business entity to the shareholder of equity ownership of said business entity that states if said business entity fails to pay said sum certain in money to the shareholder of record of equity ownership of said business entity at the appropriate time then the assets of said business entity will be distributed to the creditors of said business entity, comprising;

said business entity forms said debt instrument by issuing a written unconditional promise to pay said sum certain in money on said specified date and pays a fixed rate of interest until said specified date,

said business entity joins said debt instrument to said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity by issuing or conveying the right to said sum certain in money to said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity and in return said business entity receives adequate consideration in money's worth in the form of equity enhancement of said single share or multiple share of equity ownership of said business entity,

said business entity issues or conveys the right to the fixed rate of interest of said debt instrument of said business entity to said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity,

said business entity issues a prohibition on the right of said sum certain in money from being separated from said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity to be sold or traded separate from said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity,

said business entity issues a prohibition on the right of the fixed rate of interest of said debt instrument of said business entity from being separated from said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity to be sold or traded separate from said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity,

said business entity issues a prohibition on the shareholder of said share or shares of equity of said business entity from exchanging any money or property for the right to said sum certain in money,

said business entity issues a prohibition on the right of said sum certain in money from being owned by the shareholder of said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity,

said business entity issues a prohibition on the right to the fixed rate of interest of said debt instrument of said business entity from being owned by the shareholder of said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity,

said business entity distributes from the assets of said business entity assets equal to the value of the fixed rate of interest of said debt instrument to the shareholder of record of equity of ownership of said business entity,

said business entity distributes from the assets of said business entity assets equal to the value of said sum certain in money to the shareholder of record of equity ownership of said business entity, and

said business entity issues or conveys the right to the assets of said business entity to the shareholder of equity ownership of said business entity that states if said business entity fails to pay said sum certain in money to the shareholder of record of equity ownership of said business entity at the appropriate time then the assets of said business entity will be distributed to the creditors of said business entity.

Claim 61 (previously presented): A method of enhancing the equity ownership of a business entity by issuing a debt instrument of said business entity to a single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity, comprising;

said business entity forms said debt instrument by issuing a written unconditional promise to pay a sum certain in money on a specified date and pays a fixed rate of interest until said specified date,

said business entity joins said debt instrument to said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity by issuing or conveying the right to said sum certain in money to said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity and in return said business entity receives adequate consideration in money's worth in the form of equity enhancement of said single share or multiple share of equity ownership of said business entity,

said business entity issues or conveys the right to the fixed rate of interest of said debt instrument of said business entity to said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity,

said business entity issues a prohibition to the right of said sum certain in money from being separated from said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity to be sold or traded separate from said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity,

said business entity issues a prohibition to the right of the fixed rate of interest of said debt instrument of said business entity from being separated from said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity to be sold or traded separate from said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity,

said business entity issues or conveys the right to the fixed rate of interest of said debt instrument of said business entity to said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity,

said business entity issues a prohibition on the right of said sum certain in money from being separated from said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity to be sold or traded separate from said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity,

said business entity issues a prohibition on the right of the fixed rate of interest of said debt instrument of said business entity from being separated from said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity to be sold or traded separate from said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity,  
said business entity issues a prohibition on the shareholder of said share or shares of equity of said business entity from exchanging any money or property for the right to said sum certain in money,

said business entity issues a prohibition on the right of said sum certain in money from being owned by the shareholder of said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity,

said business entity issues a prohibition on the right to the fixed rate of interest of said debt instrument of said business entity from being owned by the shareholder of said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity,

said business entity distributes from the assets of said business entity assets equal to the value of the fixed rate of interest of said debt instrument to the shareholder of record of equity of ownership of said business entity,

said business entity distributes from the assets of said business entity assets equal to the value of said sum certain in money to the shareholder of record of equity ownership of said business entity,

said business entity issues or conveys the right to the assets of said business entity to the shareholder of equity ownership of said business entity that states if said business entity fails to pay said sum certain in money to the shareholder of record of equity ownership of said business entity at the appropriate time then the assets of said business entity will be distributed to the creditors of said business entity, and

said business entity calculates any amortization of said sum certain in money of said debt instrument by using a computer.

Claim 62 (previously presented): A method of enhancing the equity of a business entity by issuing a debt instrument of said business entity to a single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity, comprising;

said business entity forms said debt instrument by issuing a written unconditional promise to pay a sum certain in money on a specified date and pays a fixed rate of interest until said specified date,

said business entity issues or conveys in writing on the right to said sum certain in money to said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity and in return said business entity receives adequate consideration in money's worth in the form of equity enhancement of said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity,

said business entity issues or conveys in writing on the right to said fixed rate of interest to said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity,

said business entity issues a prohibition in writing on the right to said sum certain in money from being separated from said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity to be sold or traded separate from said single share or multiple shares of equity of said business entity,

said business entity issues a prohibition in writing on the right to said fixed rate of interest from being separated from said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity to be sold or traded separate from said share or shares of equity of said business entity,

said business entity issues a prohibition in writing on the right to said sum certain in money from being owned by the shareholder of said share or shares of equity of said business entity,

said business entity issues a prohibition in writing on the right to said fixed rate of interest from being owned by the shareholder of said share or shares of equity of said business entity,

said business entity distributes from the assets of said business entity assets equal to the value of the fixed rate of interest of said debt instrument that are tax deductible to said business entity to the shareholder of record of equity of ownership of said business entity,

said business entity distributes from the assets of said business entity assets equal to the value of said sum certain in money to the shareholder of record of equity ownership of said business entity,

said business entity issues or conveys the right to the assets of said business entity to the shareholder of equity ownership of said business entity that states if said business entity fails to pay said sum certain in money to the shareholder of record of equity ownership of said business entity at the appropriate time then the assets of said business entity will be distributed to the creditors of said business entity.

Claim 63 (new): The method or process of claim 60, comprising said business issues said debt instrument that cannot be separated from said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity except by said business entity paying said sum certain in money to the shareholder of equity ownership of said business entity or to exchange another debt instrument of said business entity that is issued to said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity and said debt instrument of said business entity cannot be owned by the shareholder of equity ownership of said business entity.

Claim 64 (new): The method or process of claim 60, comprising said business entity issues said debt instrument that pays said fixed rate of interest to the shareholder of record of equity ownership of said business entity and a portion of said fixed rate of interest is tax deductible to said business entity.

Claim 65 (new): The method or process of claim 60, comprising said business entity issues said debt instrument, whereby said business entity can amortize said sum certain in money of said debt instrument.

Claim 66 (new) The method or process of claim 61, comprising said business entity issuing said debt instrument that cannot be separated from said single share or multiple shares of equity ownership of said business entity except by said business entity paying said sum certain in money to the shareholder of equity of said business entity or to exchange another debt instrument of said business entity that is issued to said single share or multiple shares of equity of said business entity and said another debt instrument of said business entity cannot be owned by the shareholder of equity of said business entity.

Claim 67 (new): The method or process of claim 61, comprising said business entity fails to pay said sum certain in money to the shareholder of record of equity ownership of said business entity at the appropriate time and the assets of said business entity are distributed to the creditors of said business entity and the individual amounts of assets to be distributed are calculated by a computer.

Claim 68 (new): The method or process of claim 61, comprising said debt instrument that cannot be separated from said share or shares of equity of said business entity except by said business entity paying said sum certain in money from assets of said business entity to the shareholder of equity of said business entity or to exchange another debt instrument of said business entity that is issued to said share or shares of equity of said business entity and said another debt instrument of said business entity cannot be owned by the shareholder of equity of said business entity.

Claim 69 (new): The method or process of claim 62, comprising said sum certain in money that said business entity can amortize.

Claim 70 (new): The method or process of claim 62, comprising said business entity to secure with the assets of said business entity said sum certain in money to be paid the shareholder of record on said specified date.

Very Respectfully,

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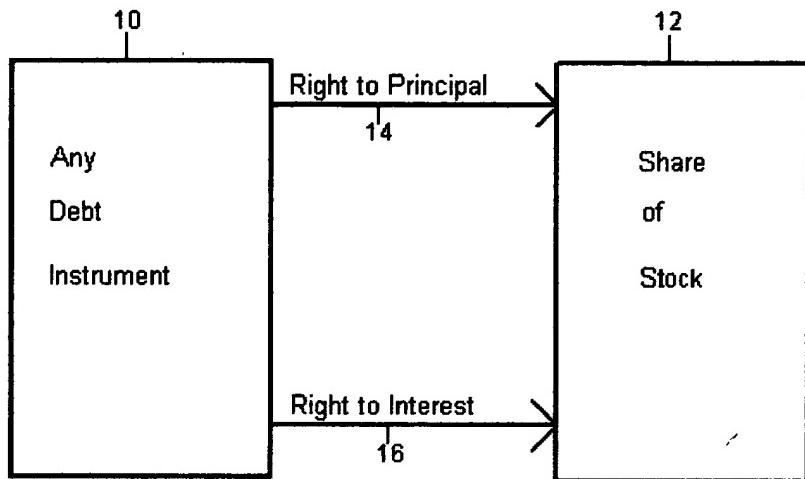


Fig. 1